

**DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by President Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.

B. ROLL CALL: President Keough

J. Carson

P. Cousins

D. Fisher

J. Knight

J. Semifero

R. Tell

Also present: Courtney Nicholls, Village Manager; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Carol Jones, Village Clerk; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Scott Maurer, Assistant Public Services Superintendent; Patrick Droze, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment; residents and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting – August 25, 2014

Motion Tell; support Knight to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 25, 2014 as presented.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Tell; support Fisher to approve the agenda with the addition of Item J-3, Homecoming Parade under the Consent Agenda.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Action on each public hearing will be taken immediately following the close of the hearing

None

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Adam Greve of 7261 York Street, Dexter introduced himself and that he was attending the meeting in order to obtain his Citizenship badge for Boy Scouts

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar

I. REPORTS

1. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

Mr. Schlaff submits his progress report of the DPW and Water/Sewer per packet. Mr. Schlaff gave the following updates:

- Sludge – the project is nearly ready to be closed out. Left to do is getting the methane boiler up and running.
- Central Street Construction – the storm sewer is done up to Central Street.
- Crack Sealing – meeting with the crack sealer tomorrow with the work beginning on September 9.
- Brush – there was a lot of fallen brush from the Friday night storm and the DPW came in for a few hours to assist in the cleanup.
- 5th Well – Had to turn the 5th well off on Friday night as the power was out at the High School and is still out today.
- Question was raised regarding the grass coming through the crack areas on the roads in the Industrial Park (will be handled with the sealing).

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

Ms. Aniol submits her report as per packet. Ms. Aniol gave the following updates:

- Planning Commission – have received the Goals and Objectives from the Sign Committee for review of signs. Discussion followed with comments about building signs and square footage, use of a consultant for sign ordinance work and a reference to Farmington as to the readability of their ordinance.
- Thankful for the attendance and impressed by Professor Allen's presentation on 3245 Broad Street.
- Hotel Hickman needs to add an outdoor cooler due to increased business.
- Received a complementary call for Dan and his staff.
- There are three dead pine trees behind the Monument Park building and will talk to the Tree Board about getting replacements.
- The check list for the Redevelopment Ready Communities was completed today. The next step will be meeting with the three other communities who are interested in being a part of the program – Chelsea, Saline and Ypsilanti.
- The lot at Forest and Inverness is under contract.

- Alpha Metal wants and needs to expand and would like to go into the Industrial Park. Will be working with ways to assist them.

3. Boards, Commissions. & Other Reports-“Bi-annual or as needed”

Chelsea Area Planning Team / Dexter Area Regional Team - Jim Carson

- The High Speed Rail – There have been 20 conflict points identified along the rail from Sylvan Township to Scio Township. MDOT will be replacing electronics, etc at the crossings but will not be putting in any pedestrian guards. CAPT/DART is working on this issue as a mediator.
- Question raised as to the timing of the high speed rail (MDOT appears to be ahead of schedule and looking to be running by the end of 2016) and the installation of quiet zones and use of quadrant gates (will need to approach MDOT with this).

4. Subcommittee Reports

Facilities

- Discussed at Work Session prior to the Council Meeting.

Road Plan

- Repairs in the Industrial Park – have done about 800 feet of milling and clean out of the road way. Will be making repairs prior to paving.
- Dover/Edison/Inverness – looking for the proper treatment for these streets. Should it be mill and overlay or pulverize? Need to wait until Central Street is done before starting work on them.
- Meetings of the Road Plan committee are posted for anyone to attend. Currently working on the right solutions for the streets.

5. Village Manager Report

Ms. Nicholls submits her report as per packet. Ms. Nicholls gave the following verbal updates:

- Hotel Hickman – it will take about \$1000 to add the needed electric service for the cooler required by the Health Department. Should the Village pay for half?
- Upcoming newsletter – would like a list of the streets being repaired.
- Charter Commission – will meet on Thursday at 6:30 PM.
- MERS – the cost to get information regarding MERS could be around \$3000 but not sure.
- Trustee Tell complimented staff on how nice Ann Arbor Street looks.
- MC3 will be doing an IFT.
- Received a call regarding the Central Street detours and how people are speeding down the side streets. Will be using the traffic control sign for these areas.

6. President's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. Mr. Keough gave the following updates:

- Have a candidate to fill one of the positions on Planning Commission on the Consent Agenda but still looking for another candidate as two spots are vacant.
- Trying to schedule a meeting with Scio Township and Chelsea Wellness Foundation regarding the Tax Tribunal issue.
- Will not be able to attend the September 18 meeting with the DAFD Board. Discussion followed about this upcoming meeting.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$628,640.68
2. Consideration of: Appointment of James Carty to the Planning Commission with a Term Ending June 2017
3. Consideration of: DHS Homecoming Parade, September 26, 2014 from 1:45 – 2:30 PM

Motion Fisher; support Semifero to approve items 1, 2 and 3 of the Consent Agenda.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Discussion of: Incorporation as a City - Next Steps

City Charter Commission Meeting Scheduled for September 11, 2014 at 6:30 at the Senior Center.

Ms. Nicholls noted that included in the packet was the ballot language for the November election. At the September 11 meeting of the Charter Commission, there will be a discussion of the informational material to be included in the fall newsletter. The full charter will be printed in the paper of record, The Sun Times News.

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: Contract with Michigan Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to School Project

Motion Cousins; support Carson to approve the resolution with MDOT for MDOT Contract No. 14-5487, the Safe Routes to School project for the addition of sidewalk along portions of Dan Hoey and Baker Road and a pedestrian refuge island on Baker Road in the amount of \$215,400.

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Knight, Semifero, Tell and Keough

Nays: None
Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Renewal of Lease for a Compost Site with the Breuningers

Motion Semifero; support Fisher to approve the lease for a compost site with Breuninger Farms in the amount of \$4,500.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Knight, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries

3. Consideration of: Scope of Services with OHM to Complete the Border to Border Trail from Dexter Huron to Central Street

Motion Semifero; support Knight to approve the Scope of Services with OHM in the amount of \$13,500 for the Border to Border Trail from Dexter Huron Metro Park to Central Street.

Ayes: Fisher, Knight, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Cousins and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries

4. Consideration of: Appointment of Courtney Nicholls to the Position of Village Manager

Motion Semifero; support Fisher to appoint Courtney Nicholls to the position of Village Manager.

Ayes: Knight, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Cousins, Fisher and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Carson	None
Tell	None
Knight	None
Jones	None
Semifero	St. Joseph Church is interested in doing paving of their parking spaces along Dover Street when road work is being done in that location..
Fisher	The mortgage on Gordon Hall has been paid off. A community thank you party will be held on October 12. Civil War Days, Christmas at the Mansion, Dexter Daze Raffle and the Fusilier challenge all helped to accomplish the goal to have the mortgage paid in 2014.
Cousins	Was at the Rotary meeting last Thursday when the announcement was made regarding the mortgage payoff. Looking forward to the Suds on the River on September 11.

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Carson; support Fisher to adjourn at 8:42 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: September 22, 2014

Resolution 2014 - 29

RESOLUTION APPROVING MDOT CONTRACT NO. 14-5487 AND AUTHORIZING THE
VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR THE SAFE
ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Village of Dexter submitted an application to the Transportation Alternatives Program for the addition of sidewalk along portions of Dan Hoey and Baker Road and a pedestrian refuge island on Baker Road as part of the Safe Routes to School program; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Dexter was awarded funding in the amount of \$215,400 in Federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Dexter is required to enter into a contract with MDOT and designate officials who are authorized to sign the contract; and

WHEREAS, the contract was reviewed by Village Engineer Orchard, Hiltz, and McCliment; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Dexter desires to complete the project and receive the funding;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Village of Dexter Council approves entering into MDOT Contract No. 14-5487 and authorizes Shawn W. Keough, Village President and Courtney Nicholls, Acting Village Manager to execute MDOT Contract No. 14-5487.

MOVED BY: Cousins

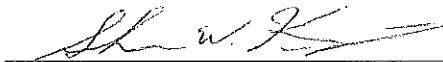
SECONDED BY: Carson

YEAS: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Knight, Semifero, Tell, Keough

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

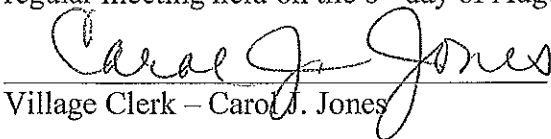
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF AUGUST 2014.



Village President – Shawn W. Keough

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Dexter, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 8th day of August 2014.



Village Clerk – Carol J. Jones